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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit this IDS in response to the PTO's newly recited prior art references in certain Office Actions of related co-pending applications mailed to Applicants during the spring of 2000. Applicants provide this IDS in each of Applicants' related copending applications so that the prior art record will be consistent throughout these applications. In addition to the references cited by the PTO, three references: Butler et al., U.S. Pat. No. 4,647,804; Great Britain Patent No. 1,515,309; and European Patent No. 187,417, were cited by the European Patent Office.

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98.

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Applicants have checked the appropriate boxes below.

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[] 4. Relevance of the non-English language document(s) is discussed in the present specification.

[] 5. The document(s) was/were cited in a corresponding foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

[] 6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) appears below:

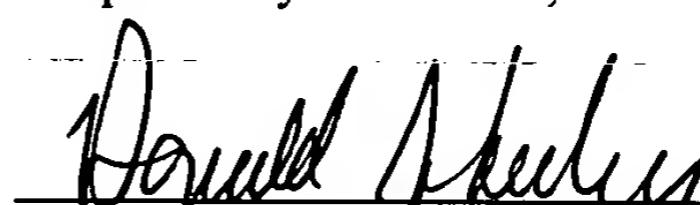
[X] 7. The Examiner's attention is directed to Applicants' related co-pending U.S. Patent Applications (as previously listed under a separate submission in this application) which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of these U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to these applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination.

[X] 8. Copies of the documents ~~were submitted on April 10, 1998 to the Office in Application No. 08/113,329 filed September 30, 1993, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are~~ attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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EXAMINER INITIAL	PATENT NUMBER	PATENT DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE*
	3,627,914	December 14, 1971	Davis	178/5.8	September 4, 1969
	3,761,888	September 25, 1973	Flynn	340/172.5	August 3, 1972
	4,199,791	April 22, 1980	Corey	360/69	April 17, 1978
	4,290,142	September 1, 1981	Schnee et al.	455/3.1	
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	4,725,886	February 1, 1988	Galumbeck et al.	348/461	April 21, 1983

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	1,515,309	June 21, 1978	Great Britain	G06 K 15/20	
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	AUS74,619	April 29, 1976	Australia		
	DE2,904,891		Germany		
	GB1,556,366	November 21, 1979	Great Britain		
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	May 8, 1981	Kamishima, et al.	A Monitor Device of a Switcher System
	April 1, 1979	Kazama et al.	Automatic Storage and Retrieval of Videotaped Programs
		Yamane et al.	System and Apparatus for Automatic Monitoring Control of Broadcast Circuits
	November 1, 1959	Marsden	Master Control Techniques
	January 1, 1959	Byloff	Automatic Control of Video Tape Equipment at NBC, Burbank
	March 1, 1981	Skilton	The Digitrol 2 - Automatic VTR Programme Control
	January 1, 1969	Zettl	Television Production Handbook
	May 22, 1975	Diederich	Electronic Image and Tone Return Equipment With Switching System and Remote Control Receiver for Television Decoder
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	September 1, 1971	Anderson	The Vertical Interval: A General-Purpose Transmission Path
	November 1, 1975	Gaucher, et al.	Automatic Program Recording System

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